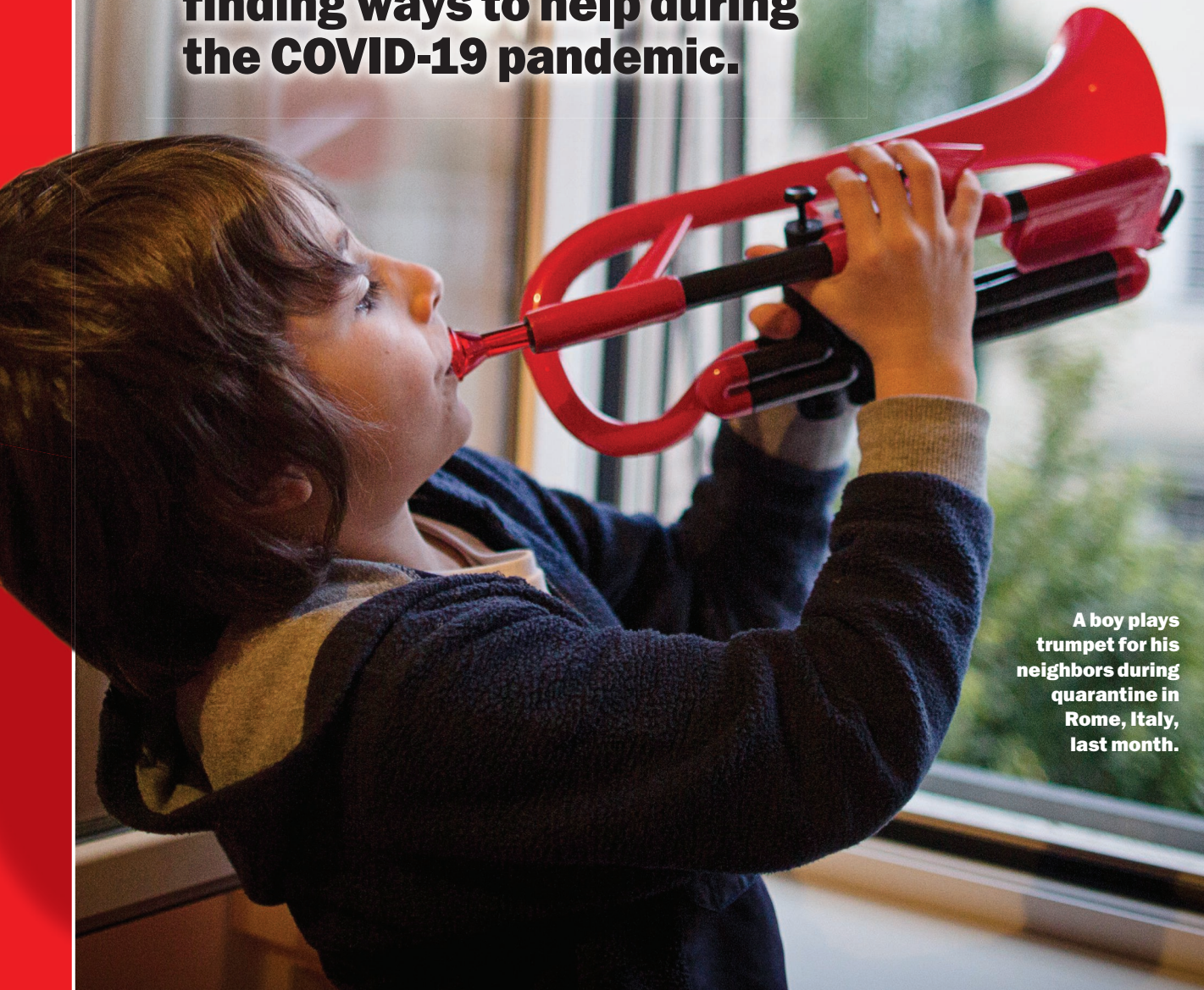


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CALL TO ACTION

People around the world are finding ways to help during the COVID-19 pandemic.



A boy plays trumpet for his neighbors during quarantine in Rome, Italy, last month.



STORM DAMAGE A woman looks at a home that was destroyed by a tornado near Nixville, South Carolina.

SEAN RAYFORD—GETTY IMAGES

> U.S.

EASTER STORMS

By Shay Maunz

Severe weather swept through the southern United States, beginning on Easter Sunday, April 12, and lasting until early Monday morning. Tornadoes and thunderstorms hit states such as Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Texas.

The storms toppled trees. They caused flooding and mudslides. At least 33 people were killed. Hundreds of homes were damaged, and electricity was out for more

than a million people.

“Power lines are down, trees are all over the place. It’s hard to get from one place to the other because the roads are blocked,” T.C. Smalls says. He’s the sheriff in Hampton County, South Carolina.

Around the country, people are practicing social distancing in order to slow the spread of COVID-19. This made it difficult for many people to safely take shelter from the storms. In Alabama, Governor Kay Ivey temporarily lifted the state’s shelter-in-place order. Mississippi officials announced that storm shelters would open, even though most group gatherings are banned in the state. Residents who entered the shelters were asked to wear masks, use hand sanitizer, and stay six feet apart.



Stop and Think!

WHO was affected by the severe weather described in this article? Why should people read about weather events even if they’re not from an affected area?

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> HEALTH

VACCINES IN PROGRESS

By Rebecca Mordechai

Scientists all over the world are racing to develop a vaccine to protect people from COVID-19. There are currently 70 vaccines in development globally. This was announced by the World Health Organization on April 11. Researchers in China have already tested their vaccine on people. So have some drugmakers in the United States, such as Inovio Pharmaceuticals.

“The good thing is we’ve got a bunch of candidates,” or possibilities, for vaccines, Dr. Anthony Fauci said in a podcast. Fauci is the director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases.

But people may have to wait a while. Even if the early stages of testing are successful, it’s expected to take more than a year before a vaccine is widely available.



IN THE LAB A researcher works on a COVID-19 vaccine in Copenhagen, Denmark.

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> FOR THE RECORD



“Sometimes, you have to get creative,”

says ANNA MARIE LEO, an 89-year-old dance instructor in Wilmington, Delaware. She has been teaching her students over Zoom during the pandemic.

900 miles

is how far MONKEYS traveled to Peru on rafts of vegetation that broke away from Africa about 35 million years ago. Scientists learned this by studying fossilized teeth. They revealed it in the journal *Science* on April 9.

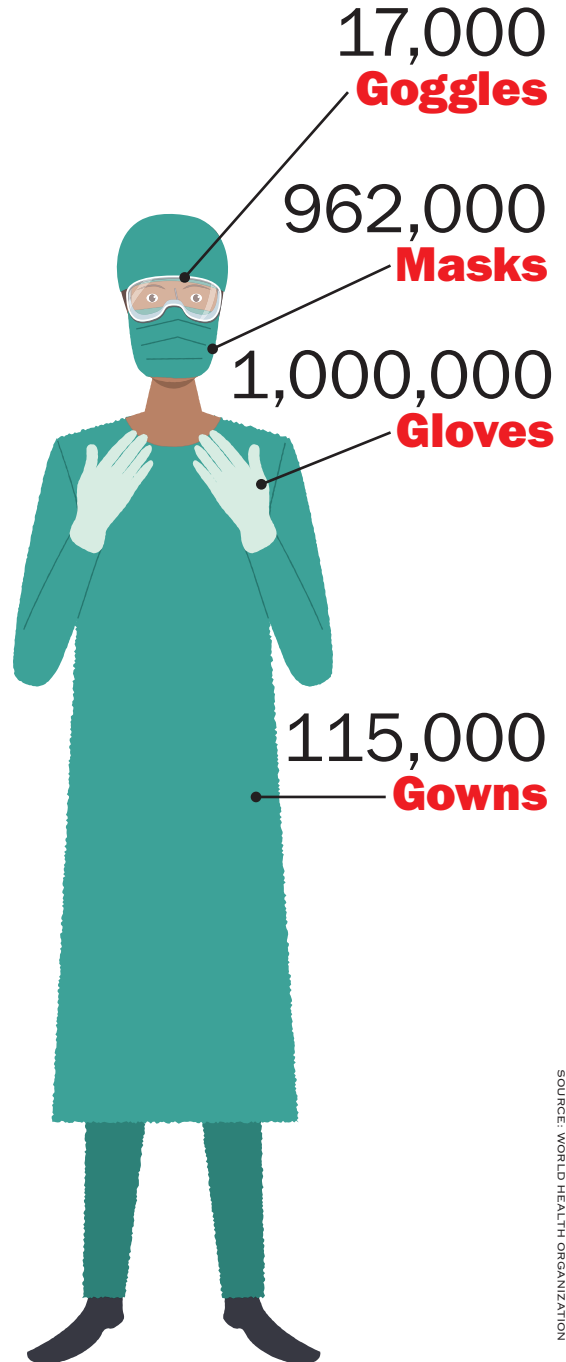


7,000

was about the number of times JAMES CAMPBELL ran back and forth across his yard in England to complete a marathon on April 1. It took him five hours. Campbell raised more than £18,000 (\$22,500) for Britain's National Health Service to battle COVID-19.

DATA DEEP DIVE

To help health-care workers stay safe during the COVID-19 pandemic, the World Health Organization has donated protective equipment, such as medical masks and gloves, to 133 countries. Take a look below at how many pieces of each type of equipment had been donated as of April 7.



SOURCE: WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION

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IN IT TOGETHER

The coronavirus pandemic is affecting people all over the world. In the face of this global challenge, governments are working to stop the spread of the virus, and people are doing their part to support

health-care workers and lift spirits. Here, *TIME for Kids* looks at efforts in four of the countries hit hardest. These actions show us the power of kindness and cooperation.
—By Brian S. McGrath

China

No country has taken more-extreme steps to stop the spread of the coronavirus than China. Since the outbreak began, in the city of Wuhan, in December, entire neighborhoods have been closed to outsiders. After nearly 11 weeks, China ended its lockdown in Wuhan on April 8, as infection levels appeared to have dropped nationwide.

Chinese billionaire Jack Ma has done his part to help people around the world, including those in Iran, Italy, and Japan. In March, he donated 500,000 test kits and a million masks to the U.S. “Drawing from my own country’s experience, speedy and accurate testing and adequate personal protective equipment for medical professionals are most effective in preventing the spread of the virus,” Ma said in statement.



CHECKING IN A volunteer registers an elderly person at a hospital for COVID-19 patients in Beijing, China.

ZHANG YUWEI—XINHUA/SIPA U.S.A.



HELPING HANDS People in Barcelona, Spain, make face masks for use in hospitals and nursing homes.

SAMUEL ARANDA—THE NEW YORK TIMES/REDUX

Spain

Spain ranks second in COVID-19 cases, behind the U.S. Data from April 13 showed that there had been about 170,000 instances of the disease. Many of the people infected were doctors and nurses. Like other countries, Spain did



SPECIAL DELIVERY
Workers prepare free lunches for the elderly, at a restaurant in Louisiana.

United States

The U.S. has the world's highest number of confirmed coronavirus cases. At press time, it had nearly 600,000. New York is the epicenter, but all 50 states are affected.

This could push the health-care system past its limits. Some governors are asking retired doctors and nurses to help. In New York, thousands have stepped up to volunteer.

The federal government is also taking steps. On March 27, Congress passed a \$2.2 trillion spending bill to help people who are out of work and help keep small businesses from closing permanently.

not have enough of the personal protective equipment that medical professionals needed to safely treat patients.

On March 14, Spain's government closed schools and most businesses and told people to stay home. People across the country have been leaning out their windows every night to applaud health-care workers. Twitter user Carlos Delclós posted this message: "You are heroes. You are what **solidarity** looks like, and I hope that solidarity is what's most contagious these days."

Ordinary people are doing their part, delivering food to the elderly and showing gratitude for medical workers. "You are extraordinary," reads a message in chalk outside a hospital in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Susan Michaels-Strasser, a public-health director at Columbia University, in New York City, says everyone has a role to play. "We're really all in this together," she told *TIME*.

A-Z Power Words

quarantine *verb*: to restrain a person or people's movements to stop the spread of disease

solidarity *noun*: a feeling of unity or of having the same goals

Italy

Until mid-April, Italy had more deaths from COVID-19 than any other country. It has one of the world's largest percentages of people age 65 or older. Older people with the disease are among those most likely to die from it.

On March 9, the Italian government declared a nationwide lockdown. Only grocery stores, banks, and pharmacies remained open. Since then, the spread of the virus has slowed. The number of new cases is down. Now Italy is testing more people for the virus. This makes it easier for health officials to find out where the virus is spreading and decide who should be **quarantined**.

People are staying home for safety. To cheer them up, musicians are performing from windows and balconies, filling Italy's empty streets with sound. Videos appear on social media. One post reads: "Italians . . . always making the best out of the worst! How can you not love them!"



SWEET MELODY An accordion player serenades her neighbors in Milan, Italy, in March.



LEARNING AT HOME



HARD AT WORK London Trussel, 11, does homework on a laptop provided by her school.

Educators find new ways of reaching distance learners during the coronavirus pandemic.

Students all over the world have been home from school because of the coronavirus pandemic. According to the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization, more than 90% of students worldwide have been affected by school closures. Most learning is taking place online.

Teachers and students are adjusting to the sudden change. They're using technology to connect in **virtual** classrooms so education can continue during the pandemic.

But how do teachers reach students who don't have access to computers and tablets or reliable Wi-Fi? Educators say the pandemic has highlighted the "digital divide." That's the split between those who have access to the Internet and those who do not.

"It's been impacting students all across the country" for a long time,

Sonja Santelises told *TIME for Kids*. She's the CEO of Baltimore City Public Schools, in Maryland. But "in a time of crisis," she says, "that divide is clearer and it's **starker**."

COMING TOGETHER

To make sure students have better access to education during the pandemic, school districts across the United States are finding ways to overcome the digital divide. In Baltimore, kids can now watch lessons on cable TV. In Tucson, Arizona, school buses equipped with Wi-Fi have been sent to neighborhoods where many people lack Internet access. And in Chicago, Illinois, more than 100,000 laptops and tablets were given to students who needed them.

Teachers are getting creative too. In Madison, South Dakota, sixth-grade teacher Chris Waba set up a whiteboard outside a student's front door for a one-on-one lesson. In University City, Missouri, second-grade teacher Lora Davenport dropped off learning packets and

books at children's homes. "It's been very old-fashioned and very personalized communication with the students," she says.

Santelises says communication is exactly what kids need right now. "The biggest challenge—no matter what ZIP code, neighborhood, or school—has been the need to connect and be part of the school community," she says.

Students are being resourceful too. They're working hard and staying positive. University City fifth-grader London Trussel has advice for them. "Trust the process," she says. "All this stuff is happening, but it will stop soon. Just be patient and wait, and then we'll all go back to school." —By *Rebecca Katzman*

A-Z Power Words

stark adjective: severe; obvious

virtual adjective: not physically existing but simulated by computer software

WHAT KIDS ARE SAYING

We asked *TIME for Kids* readers to tell us what they're doing, thinking, and feeling during the COVID-19 pandemic. While some kids say they're sad or worried, many of the messages we receive are filled with hope. Read some of them below.

Would you like to share your story during this time? If so, ask a parent or guardian to email us at tfkeditors@time.com. Your response might be featured in a future issue or on our website.

I am positive that with everyone working so hard, we will defeat this virus and things will return to normal eventually. Until then, we have to continue to be patient and thankful that we still have each other to get through this together!

Maya M., 8
Rochester Hills, Michigan

I wasn't allowed to visit my little sister at the hospital when she was born. Now that she's home, I'm actually kind of enjoying my time here, because I get to see the silly things my new sister does!

Hailey C., 11
Chesapeake, Virginia

I am bored. I can still go outside for now, but I wish I could go play with my friends. I miss being at school in person. It is much harder to do stuff on the computer.

Aiden H., 9
Rutherford, New Jersey

I spend time with my family, play games, and focus on my online learning. I think everyone should take this seriously and pray that this pandemic will be over soon.

Harman S., 9
Mishawaka, Indiana

I know we've been out of school for a while now and there's still a long way to go. But I don't think the coronavirus is going to stay forever. Scientists and experts are going to find a cure.

Alicia T., 9
Mukilteo, Washington



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RESPONSES HAVE BEEN EDITED FOR LENGTH AND CLARITY.

LISTEN UP

Podcasts are a great way to stay connected to the world, and they're excellent for kids who learn best by listening to information. Here are three of our favorite podcasts right now.

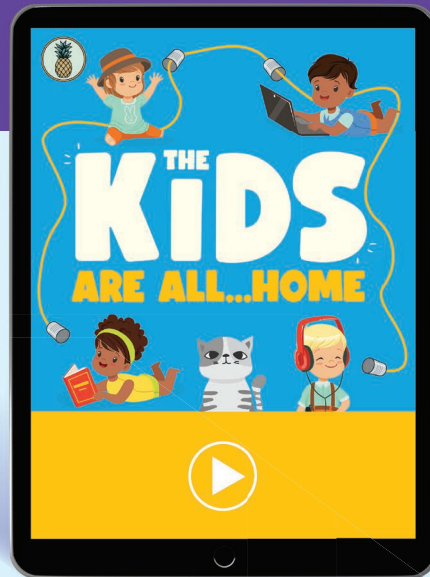
DO IT YOURSELF

Want to stay busy while you're socially distancing? *The Kids Are All... Home* is a new podcast from **PINEAPPLE STREET STUDIOS** created by kids stuck at home because of COVID-19.

Here's how it works: Come up with an idea for a podcast. (So far, episodes have included everything

from cooking demonstrations to jokes to musical numbers.) Record your podcast on a smartphone, and send it to the team. Producers might include it in an episode.

Producer **ERIC MENNEL** says podcasting is the perfect boredom buster. "It's an easy way to be super creative and weird," he says, "and to talk to people all over the world."



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A NEW WAY TO GET TFK

There's a new way to connect with *TIME for Kids*: a podcast! The first episode is called "*TIME for Kids Explains: Pandemics*." In it, listeners learn about the new coronavirus and pandemics of the past.

To create the series, *TFK* teamed up with the podcast pros at **PINNA**. The premiere features *TFK* Kid Reporters **ESHAAN MANI** and **ALEXIS BUMAH**. "After listening to

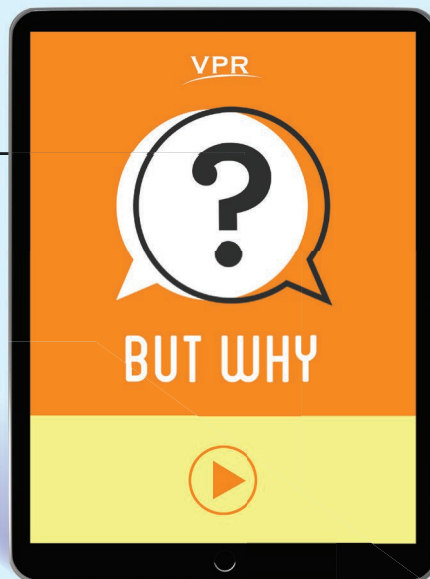
this episode, I hope kids will have a better understanding of the *who, what, when, where, why, and how* behind the current coronavirus pandemic," Eshaan says. The first episode is out now. Look for more *TFK* and Pinna podcasts this fall.

ASK AWAY!

But Why: A Podcast for Curious Kids answers questions from real kids. These range from "Are jellyfish made of jelly?" to "Who makes the laws?"

JANE LINDHOLM hosts the show for **VERMONT PUBLIC RADIO**. She says the podcast has received questions from kids in all 50 states and more than 50 countries.

Lindholm also says it's important for kids to always stay curious. "Sometimes, as you get older, you start to think that your questions are going to seem silly," she told *TFK*. "But some of the most interesting discoveries have been made by people who never stop asking questions."



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